THE ASSOCIATED COMMUNITY COUNCILS OF NEWARK
796 Broad Street
Newark 2, New Jersey

Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 22, 1958
7 P.M.

Newark Museum
Newark, N. J.

Mrs. R. Neal Owens, Pres. Presiding.

The meeting was opened at 7 P.M. by the president, Mrs. Owens, who called upon the presidents of local councils to introduce their delegations and to give a highlight of their work in the past year.

Roseville: Mrs. Bradbury stated that the skating rink in Branch Brook Park represented their most outstanding achievement of late.

Vailsburg: Mr. Dunn stated that the group is working for additional traffic lights and synchronization of the lights on South Orange Avenue. They are also seeking the use of the old Alms House property as a public facility, preferably a high school, rather than have it go to private use.

North Newark: Mr. Zeller praised the role of Mrs. Helen Boston in stimulating the reorganization of the North Newark Community Council.

Clinton Hill: Rev. Hallett told of the success of block branches, the state of the redevelopment planning, and the Halloween parade.

Central: Mr. Holman told of the progress of the West Kinney Junior High School and the 18th Avenue School playground plans.

Weequahic: Mr. Schanerman described clean-up efforts, school study, and plans for block groups. The 1958 program includes traffic control, park facilities, and junior high school efforts.

Ironbound: Mr. Bergen told of the special problems of the heavy industrial area. Twelve acres of dump have been converted to a first class industrial zone, and further clean-up is anticipated. He pointed out that unused land adjacent to highways in the area could be used for physical activities for youth. The cooperation of the National State Bank with neighborhood improvement efforts was mentioned.

Dayton: Mrs. Cunningham mentioned the success of her organization in securing added police protection. The group is now working on a flood problem. Its long-range program includes procuring an ambulance to serve the area.

Mrs. Owens reported that two other areas are about to become organized within the Associated Community Councils. She stated that the A.C.C. was instrumental in bringing about the new housing code.

MINUTES: Following these introductory matters, it was moved, seconded, and passed that the minutes of the last meeting be accepted as published.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Mr. Holman, the treasurer, made his report. It included receipts and disbursements connected with the showing of "Our Living Future", transportation for the Philadelphia visit, association grants, charter fees, and dues received. The balance on November 26, 1957 was three hundred thirty-five dollars and ninety-six cents. The report was received with thanks.

AUDITING COMMITTEE REPORT: Mr. Bergen reported that Mr. Drechsler and he had examined the treasurer's books and found them to be in order.

CORRESPONDENCE: It was decided that a matter from the Weequahic Community Council be placed on the agenda of the coming executive meeting.

BY-LAWS: All councils are to submit recommendations, modifications, etc., by March first to Mr. Feldman so that they may be considered at the next general meeting.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: Mrs. Bingham reported that reprints and posters are now ready and that window displays are being planned.

RESOLUTION TO MR HOOVER: Mr. Chinoy reported that the committee found it easy to say good things about Mr. Hoover. He read the "message of thanks" which will undergo plastic lamination and be presented to Mr. Hoover.

ESSEX COUNTY PARK COMMISSION CAPITAL PROJECTS: There was discussion of the capital projects planned by the Essex County Park Commission. It was voted that the Freeholders be congratulated by letter on their action on these projects. The locations are; South Mountain Reservation, Dayton Street, and Chancellor Avenue in Weequahic Park.

18TH AVE. SCHOOL PLAYGROUND: It was voted that a letter be sent to the mayor and council urging that they pass the necessary ordinance so that Boyd Street may be vacated in order that the Board of Education can proceed with the work on the 18th Avenue Playground.

#314 APPLICATION: It was stated that the existence of local community councils in Newark was a factor in getting officials in Washington to approve renewal plans and to recommend greater financial support to this effort. The A.C.C. accepts the mayor's invitation to cooperate in the execution of an urban renewal demonstration project under Section 314 of the Housing Act of 1954. It was voted that a letter be sent to the mayor and council urging them to expedite renewal.

UNITED APPEAL: Following a statement on our financial problems, the president appointed Mssrs. Bergen, Drechsler, and Holman as a committee to look further into the matter of our being included in United Appeals.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT: Miss Earle presented the slate prepared by the nominating committee, as follows: President, Mrs. Owens; Vice-Presidents, Mr. Schanerman and Mrs. Bingham; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Flagg; Corresponding Secretary, Rev. Hallett; and Treasurer, Mr. Holman. It was announced that Mr. Melillo's name was absent because of his being a candidate for the office of Councilman from the North Ward.

The secretary was instructed, upon proper vote, to cast a unanimous ballot for the slate presented, and the officers were declared elected.

Mrs. Owens stated that we need to do a bigger job in public relations and win increasing prestige among officials and citizens. We must continue to develop leadership. Councils should be represented on every type of board in the city.

The president then presented the elected officers to the assembled group.

OFFICE HOLDING: Mr. Rafferty expressed his disagreement with the constitutional provision on office-holding.

MR. TOMPKIN'S MARRIAGE: Upon a motion by Mr. Schanerman, it was voted that a message of congratulation on his marriage be sent to Mr. Tompkins.

"OUR TOWN" EXHIBIT: Miss Coffey, director of the Newark Museum, welcomed the group to the exhibit. It was decided that a letter of thanks be sent to the trustees for the use of the Museum facilities.

Miss Woodruff of the Museum staff was presented because of her work in connection with the "Our Town" exhibition. She stated that many individuals and many organizations contributed to its success. She invited the group to tour the John Ballantine home in which we found ourselves meeting, before viewing the exhibition.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

E. Alma Flagg